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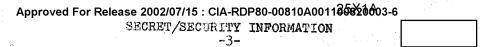
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to So The Lit	e barracks of the 46th Mecz wn of Klosterneuburg / 4818 wiet units were stationed i e regimental commanding off . Col. (fnu) YEMETS, and t	N-1619E/, Austri n Kløsterneuburg icer was Col. (fi	a. As far as I kn nu) ZVEREV, the Po	now, no other
2. The	e regimental T/O was as fol	lows:		
8.	Two rifle battalions			
<b>b</b> .	o. One artillery battalion			
Ç.	c. One tank battalion equipped with T-34 tanks			
đ.	d. One mortar battalion equipped with 120 and 82 mm. mortars			
e.	e. One AA MG company equipped with 12.7 mm. Degtyarev machine guns			
f,	One combat engineer comp	any		
g.	One reconnaissance compa	ny		

25X1X The reconnaissance company 25X1X was broken down into two platoons: a platoon of armored carriers and SP guns, \_\_\_\_\_ The first plateon had 16 to 18 men, and the second about 15 men, making 25X1 a total of approximately 35 EM and 3 officers (1 company commander and 2 platoon leaders). The armored carriers and SP gun platoon had four to five armored carriers and two SP guns SU-152 (2) (sic). Each armored carrier was armed with two MCs of a make and callbear and wall wow to me and had a crew of two men. I do not know the exact caliber of the SP guns or the number of men required to man them. The armored car platoon had six BA-64 armored cars armed with one MG 25X1 of a caliber and make unknown to me: each car had a two-man crew I do not remember An armored carrier and armored car normally had a 25X1 sergeant as car commander and a private as driver. According to company T/E drivers only had to be armed with TT pistols, but the car commanders, with submachine guns. In our company, however, the drivers were armed with TT pistols, PPSh submachine guns, and flare pistols; the car commanders were armed with TT pistols and PPSh submachine guns. I do not know the reason why these additional weapons were issued. I never heard of any demolition charges in company cars. I was told that an armored carrier could travel approximately 200 km. with a tankful of gasoline. Every soldier was issued a gas mask of a type unknown to me; unless there wase an alert we never carried gas masks. Reconnaissance company EM were from the 1930-1933 classes, but only nine soldiers belonged to the class of 1933; sergeants belonged to the class of 1930. A sergeant of the class of 1929 was demobilized from this company in October 1952. The daily schedule of the regiment was approximately as follows: 0600 Reveille 0610-0635 Physical training Personal toilet 0635-0650 0650-0710 Inspection Breakfast 0710-0740 0740-0800 Close order drill 0800-1300 Training 1300-1330 Dinner 1330-1400 1400-1530 Individual care and maintenance of weapons Rest period 1530-1830 Training 1830-2030 Political indoctrination lectures and discussions 2030-2130 Supper 2130-2230 Political indoctrination lectures and discussions 2230-2300 Roll call, evening drill 2300 Taps 7. When I arrived in Klosterneuburg, 5. the 46th Mecz25X1X Regt. was not training. Winter training was supposed to start on l December and soldiers of my company and presumably soldiers of the entire regiment, were busy cleaning, polishing, lubricating and greasing their vehicles for the winter conservation period. When not otherwise busy, everyone was made to scrub the barrack floors, etc. Food in the regiment was rather good, but always insufficient. I was always hungry, 25X1

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I never saw or heard of Soviet army dependents in Klosterneustra.



- 10. I know of only one case of disciplinary punishment in my company; the regimental Zampolit had discovered a bottle of schnapps in a soldier's bed and had given the man 10 days in the guard house as punishment.
- 11. Although I cannot judge the morale of the regiment, nor describe relations between officers and enlisted men. I did notice that

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- 12. As far as I remember there were only two political lectures given to the regiment [ 25X1X These lectures concerned the usual anti-Western propaganda about American capitalists preparing for aggression against the Soviet Union; some information was also related also the 19th Bengrass of the All-Union Communist Party F in Moscow.
- 13. On several occasions we were told by our officers (especially by the Zampolit that after exploiting deserters for intelligence purposes, the Americans return them to Soviet control. I did not believe these stories, nor, probably, did others.
- 14. I know nothing regarding fraternization by officers and EM. Except for a female dishwasher employed in the officers' mess, there were no Austrian nationals employed in the barracks area.
- 15. Neither I nor anyone I knew, ever listened to foreign broadcasts.

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